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preparation of complete cDNA., PCT/FR96/00651, 1996) has been reported. By using these methods, a CAP structure present at the 5'-side terminal in mRNA is specifically replaced by an artificial oligonucleotide. A cDNA containing a sequence in the 5'-terminal region of mRNA can be theoretically obtained by using a sequence complementary to this oligonucleotide as a replication origin for the second strand cDNA synthesis. The number of full-length cDNAs contained in a primary library obtained by such methods is, however, small, and it was difficult to amplify a full-length cDNA library as a master library while maintaining the diversity as a cDNA library.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), please substitute for pending claims 10, 11, 14 and 19, the following clean version of the claims, in which claims 10, 11, 14 and 19 have been amended. The changes to claims 10, 11, 14 and 19 are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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10. (Amended) A sense strand cDNA immobilized at the 5'-side, the sense strand cDNA which can be obtained by the method of claim 7.

11. (Amended) A method for synthesizing a cDNA library by the method of claim 7 using an mRNA as a starting material.

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14. (Amended) A secondary cDNA library which can be obtained by amplifying the cDNA library of claim 12.

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19. (Amended) A method for subtracting cDNAs, the method comprising:

a) synthesizing cDNAs used as testers,

b) hybridizing the cDNA using the sense strand cDNA library of claim 1 as a driver, and

c) selecting cDNAs which have or have not hybridized in b).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

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